

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated July 30, 2007. Claims 1 to 12, 18 and 20 to 25 are pending in the application, of which Claims 1, 7, 18, 20 and 23 are in independent form. Claims 1, 7, 18, 20, 22, 23 and 25 have been amended herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 12, 18 and 20 to 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,363,480 (Usami) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,895,477 (Orr) and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0187081 (Petz). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

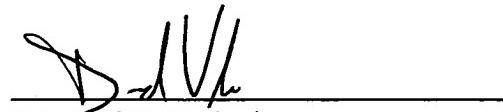
Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the telephone interview conducted on November 6, 2007. During the interview, the Examiner tentatively agreed that the foregoing amendments to Claims 1, 7, 18, 20, and 23 would overcome the § 103 rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Applicants have not yet received an indication that the documents cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated November 9, 2007 have been considered and made of record. The Examiner is respectfully requested to indicate such consideration by returning an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 which accompanied the Information Disclosure Statement.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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